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1. FOLLOWING IS THE SUMMING-UP BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MTN SUBGROUP DAIRY AND THE WORK PROGRAM OF THIS GROUP.

(1) QUOTE THE SUB-GROUP ON DAIRY PRODUCTS HELD ITS FIRST SESSION ON 23-25 JUNE 1975. AS IT WAS NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE STILL BEING HELD ON THE QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP, IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS SESSION OF THE SUB-GROUP WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARIAT. THE SUB-GROUP INVITED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION OF THE SUB-GROUP AS AN OBERVER.

(2) THE SUB-GROUP HEARD A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS REGARDING THE BASIC APPROACHES WHICH WOULD BE ADOPTED FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE SUB-GROUP WITH REGARD TO DAIRY PRODUCTS. THE TEXTS OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS WERE CIRUCLATED. 1/ COVERAGE

(3) THE SUB-GROUP, WHILE NOTING THAT IT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BY GROUP "AGRICULTURE" (MTN/AG/1) TO DEAL WITH DAIRY PRODUCTS, DECIDED TO DEAL WITH ALL DAIRY PRODUCTS BUT INITIALLY WITH PRODUCTS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE SHARE IN WORLD TRADE AND WERE WIDELY TRADED. TO THIS END, THE SUB-GROUP AGREED THAT ITS WORK WOULD ENCOMPASS ANHYDROUS MILK FAT AND BUTTER, PRINCIPAL CHEESES, DRIED MILK (SKIMMED MILK POWDER AND WHOLE MILK POWDER) AND CASEIN, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT OTHER DAIRY PRODUCTS COULD BE INTRODUCED INTO ITS WORK AT ANY STAGE. FUTURE WORK

(4) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO CARRY OUT, IN A FIRST STAGE, AND ANALYSIS OF THE SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS, OF THE STRUCTURE AND THE PROBLEMS OF WORLD TRADE IN DAIRY PRODUCTS, INCLUDING THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT IMPACT OF TRADE BARRIERS AND TRADE DISTORTING PRACTICES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WIDE DIVERSITY AND INTERCHANGEABILITY OF PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM MILK. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SUB-GROUP WOULD AIM TO COMPLETE THIS ANALYSIS AT ITS NEXT MEETING. DELEGATIONS WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT WRITTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST THE SUB-GROUP IN CARRYING OUT THIS ANALYSIS.

(5) THE SECRETARIAT WAS ALSO ASKED TO PREPARE A SUMMARY OF MEASURES AFFECTING BOTH IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE, AS WELL AS AN INFORMATION DOCUMENT ON INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL COOPERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVICES ALREADY EXISTING IN GATT OR OTHER BODIES.

(6) WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING POSSIBLE MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS IN THIS SECTOR AS DECIDED BY THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE", AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE TOKYO DECLARATION, INCLUDING ITS PARAGRAPHS 2, 3(E), 4, 6 AND 8,, THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO DEAL, IN A SECOND STAGE, WITH ALL THE ELEMENTS OF ALL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN OR MAY BE MADE, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ASSESSING THEIR CONTENT AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE PROBLEMS RAISED AND TO THE OBJECTIVES

OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS REGARD THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO
DEAL INITIALLY WITH:

(A) THE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN CERTAIN PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE
OBJECTIVE OF EXPANSION AND EVER GREATER LIBERALIZATION OF
WORLD TRADE;

(B) THE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN CERTAIN PROPOSALS RELATED TO
STABILIZATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF TRADE THROUGH THE IMPROVE-
MENT AND THE EXTENSION OF ALREADY EXISTING INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION DEVICES, AS WELL AS IN OTHER APPROACHES AIMED AT
ACHIEVING STABLE AND SECURE TRADING CONDITIONS;

(C) THE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN CERTAIN PROPOSALS RELATED TO
IMPROVED CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS;

(D) THE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN CERTAIN PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE
SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT WHICH IS TO BE GIVEN TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(E) THE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN CERTAIN PROPOSALS RELATED TO
FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ITS INSTRUMENTS.
NEXT MEETING

(7) THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP WILL BE
FIXED IN CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS.

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